



# County of San Diego

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Vital Records

### MISSION STATEMENT

*"As advisors to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, the mission of the Emergency Medical Care Committee is to be an advocate for the community through the development of strategies for continuous improvement of the emergency medical services system."*

## EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE MEETING

### Minutes

Thursday, March 22, 2007

#### Members Present

Broyles, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association  
Cerny, Barbara – Third District  
Dotson, R.N., Melody – Base Hosp. Nurse Coordinators  
Forman, R.N., Kelly – Co. Paramedics Agencies' Comm.  
Green, R.N., Katy – First District  
Jobs, Chief Darrell – S.D. Co. Fire Districts' Assoc.  
Pfohl, Chief Bob – S.D. Co. Fire Chiefs' Association  
Richardson, Lt. Todd – Law Enforcement Agencies  
Schroeder, Dave – Fourth District

#### County Staff Present

Bonesteele, R.N., Jeri  
Haynes, M.D., Bruce  
Metz, R.N., Marcy

#### Recorder

Rupp, Merle

#### Members Absent

Beeson, Travis – American Red Cross  
Fisher, Roger – S.D. Co. Paramedics' Association  
Fried, Bruce – Fifth District  
Graham, Dan – S.D. Co. Ambulance Association  
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Second District  
Skoglund, R.N., Patty – Hosp. Assoc. of S.D./Imperial Counties

#### Guests Present

Johnson, Wayne – S.D. Medical Services Enterprise  
Majerczak, R.N., Karen – Tri-City  
Rainey, R.N., Susan – Tri-City  
Steen, R.N., Pam – Mercy Air  
Ybarra, Marcos – Pacific Ambulance

#### Vacant

Binational EMCC  
Emergency Physicians' Society  
League of California Cities  
Military Agencies  
S.D. Co. Medical Society

## I. INTRODUCTION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chief Darrell Jobs, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

## II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION made by Linda Broyles, R.N., Seconded by Kelly Forman, R.N., to approve the Minutes of February 22, 2007 as submitted. MOTION carried.**

### III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

None.

### IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion of LAFCO (Local Agency Formation Commission) Micro-Study Report on Fire Service Reorganization

Discussion ensued on the LAFCO Micro-Study Report on Fire Service Reorganization in San Diego County and alternative report from the County's Department of Planning and Land Use (DPLU). The DPLU report recommends transferring management for the Exclusive Operating Areas (EOA's) from the Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), Emergency Medical Services (EMS) division, to a newly created Office of the Fire Warden with the DPLU. It appears creation of EOAs would remain with EMS.

**MOTION was made by Lt. Todd Richardson, Law Enforcement Agencies, Seconded by Chief Bob Pfohl, San Diego County Fire Chiefs' Association, to send a letter to Jean Shepard, Director, County HHSA, expressing that the management and supervision of the ambulance providers/contractors be kept with HHSA EMS. He added that it has been very efficient in the past and much more appropriate under HHSA than moving it would be at this time. The letter must be received by LAFCO during the open comment period that ends on April 6, 2007. MOTION carried.**

**ACTION: EMCC members agreed to allow the EMCC Executive Committee to draft the letter outlining the EMCC position and send the letter forward to Ms. Shepard with a copy to LAFCO.**

### V. EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The County Board of Supervisors approved establishing an additional two dollar penalty for every ten dollars on fines, penalties and forfeitures collected by the courts for criminal offenses to further support the Maddy Fund as allowed by Senate Bill 1773. This extra funding may be used for compensating physicians for providing uncompensated emergency care, for hospitals providing disproportionate trauma and emergency medical care services, and to provide funding for pediatric trauma care

The STEMI Receiving Center system is up and running well.

Prime Health Care is now the new owner of Paradise Valley Hospital with Dr. Reddy as the lead owner. A number of contracts have been terminated within the hospital as the new ownership strives to consolidate various services.

The County is convening some work groups to review things such as the County safety net and to study coordination between hospitals and community clinics for patient care. One group will also review the prehospital system in the South County.

San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) conducted a dress rehearsal for the upcoming

graded exercise which went well.

A mock antibiotic distribution was conducted as part of a recent City Readiness Initiative with the focus being a large scale anthrax release where the entire County population might have to be prophylaxed. The focus was on emergency responders.

**VI. EMS STAFF REPORT (Marcy Metz, R.N.)**

County EMS recently participated in a RCS Fail Soft test last week which went well. The County EMS Duty Officer and a EMS Specialist monitored the system.

Former County EMS employee Donna Johnson has returned to work as an EMS Specialist working with Disaster Medical and Health Emergency Preparedness.

Interviews are concluding this week for the three open Quality Assurance Specialist positions and there are plans to make some offers of employment next week.

Follow-up from the hospitals on infectious disease exposures by providers in the field is continuing to be reviewed. Hospitals have been very cooperative in providing County EMS with their contact persons name and phone number for these incidents.

County EMS received a recent public records request from a Los Angeles Times reporter regarding discipline policies for EMT's and paramedics. The reporter was interested in knowing about individual cases and their outcomes. Documents, including related County policies and procedures, were released yesterday (March 21, 2007). No personal information was released.

**VII. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Thursday, April 26, 2007 at 9:00 a.m., Health Services Complex, Executive Conference Room, 3851 Rosecrans Street, San Diego.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Merle Rupp, Board Secretary,  
County EMS